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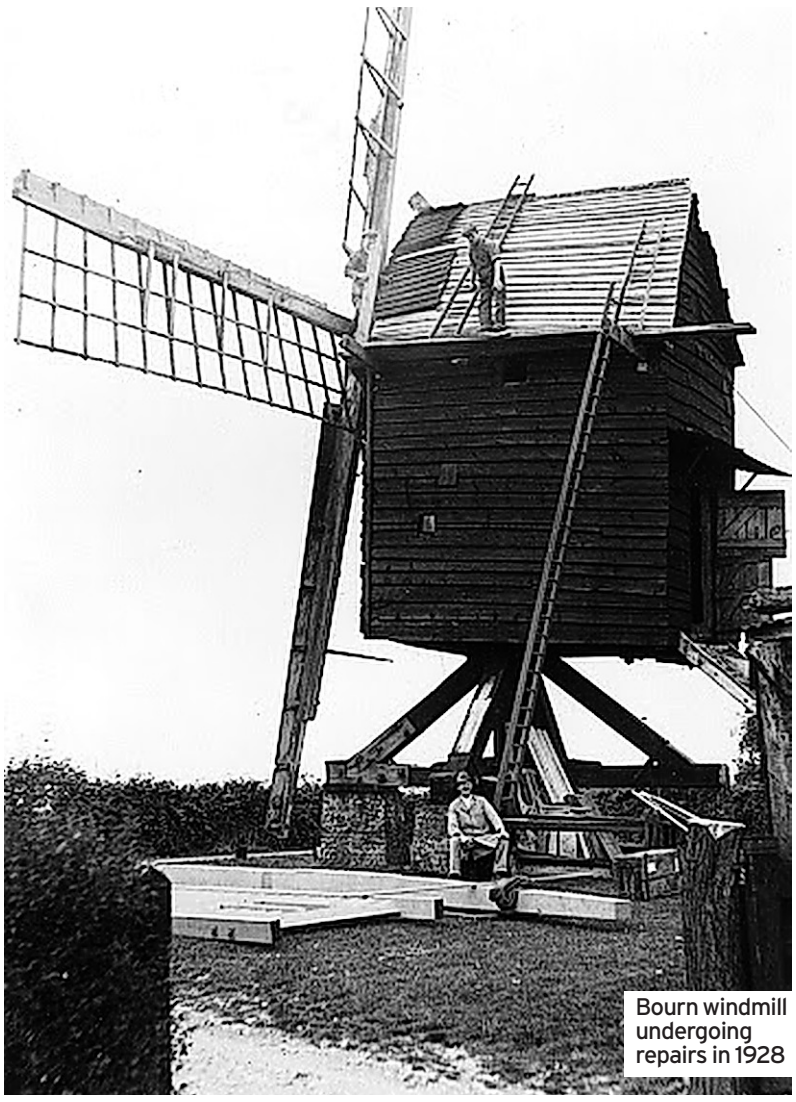

Bourn windmill undergoing repairs in 1928

Windmill given to preservation society – 1932

BOURN windmill has been handed over to the Cambridge Preservation Society.

It is probably the oldest in the country and cannot be economically used today. However it is pretty and, on that criterion alone, it is worth preserving.

It was quite possible it would be made into a youth hostel.

Officer in shooting incident dies – 1930

THE third of the men in the King's College shooting sensation, Det Sgt Willis, has died from the effects of his wounds.

The undergraduate assailant died yesterday from a bullet wound in the head whilst the tutor was killed instantly from a bullet through his heart.

The undergraduate was heavily in debt and went away from Cambridge nine days ago on a motorcycle obtained on credit. He was being interviewed by the policeman when the tragedy occurred.

The Cambridge Chief Constable paid tribute to Det Sgt Francis Willis who was shot by a Cambridge undergraduate.

He was born in Haverhill and joined the Cambridge force in 1920 serving as a unformed and a cycle patrol constable until appointed a detective.

He had commendations for his plucky action in stopping runaway horses and was the officer concerned in the recent 'Mr H' blackmail case.
He had the making of a really great policeman and his death was a great shock.

A London lady has thrown fresh light on the movement of the undergraduates involved in the double shooting at King's College.

They had knocked on her door at three in the morning; their clothes were torn and dishevelled and they said they were down and out, having been walking about on the Thames Embankment.

They told her they were in trouble at Cambridge, but only through disposing of some property that did not belong to them.

Both had pistols and said they would end things then rather than face fresh trouble, but she had dissuaded them.

Opposition to road in verse – 1927

THE Mercury Press has produced a verse by Quentin Nelson in which an undergraduate learns that a road is to be built across Coe Fen, and gives vent to his feelings: "Every frog and every toad/Will croak damnation to your soul!"

Well, in the first place, we do not speak of Coe Fen Road now – it is Fen Causeway – and, secondly, most of us believe the fen is being appreciated more nowadays that ever it has been in the past.

Still, Mr Nelson's poetic outburst is nonetheless interesting because we do not happen to agree with him.

Lodgings hard to find for London children – 1914

LONDON children come to Burwell in two batches for a fortnight's holiday; there is need for someone to arrange lodgings for them but nobody wants the job.

There has been so much mischief done by these holiday children that they cannot get a person to look after them.

People take these children who have no room for them and the children are huddled up anyhow, Poor Law Guardians were told.

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A KNOCK AT THE DOOR.

IN TROUBLE AT CAMBRIDGE.

How the death of Det Sgt Francis Willis was reported

Adventurer in search of a quiet life – 1914

LUCILLE Love, the girl of mystery and the heroine of a serial story, has arrived in Cambridge.

She has had a thrilling and adventurous career but now is tired of adventure and desires to settle in the peaceful calm of matrimony.

She is beautiful and cultured and her features are half hidden by a black silk scarf.

Accompanying her are pressmen searching for 'copy' and a cameraman who is forever taking photographs of the huge crowd that welcome her wherever she goes.

Museum gains unique collection of newspapers – 1909

CAMBRIDGE Free Library has acquired at auction a somewhat badly bound volume of Cambridge newspapers which are unique.

They start as The Huntingdon, Bedford, Cambridge and Peterborough Gazette of April 15, 1818, but change title to The Cambridge Independent Press.

The purchase shows the happy understanding between the university and town libraries, both of which were anxious it should not pass into private hands.

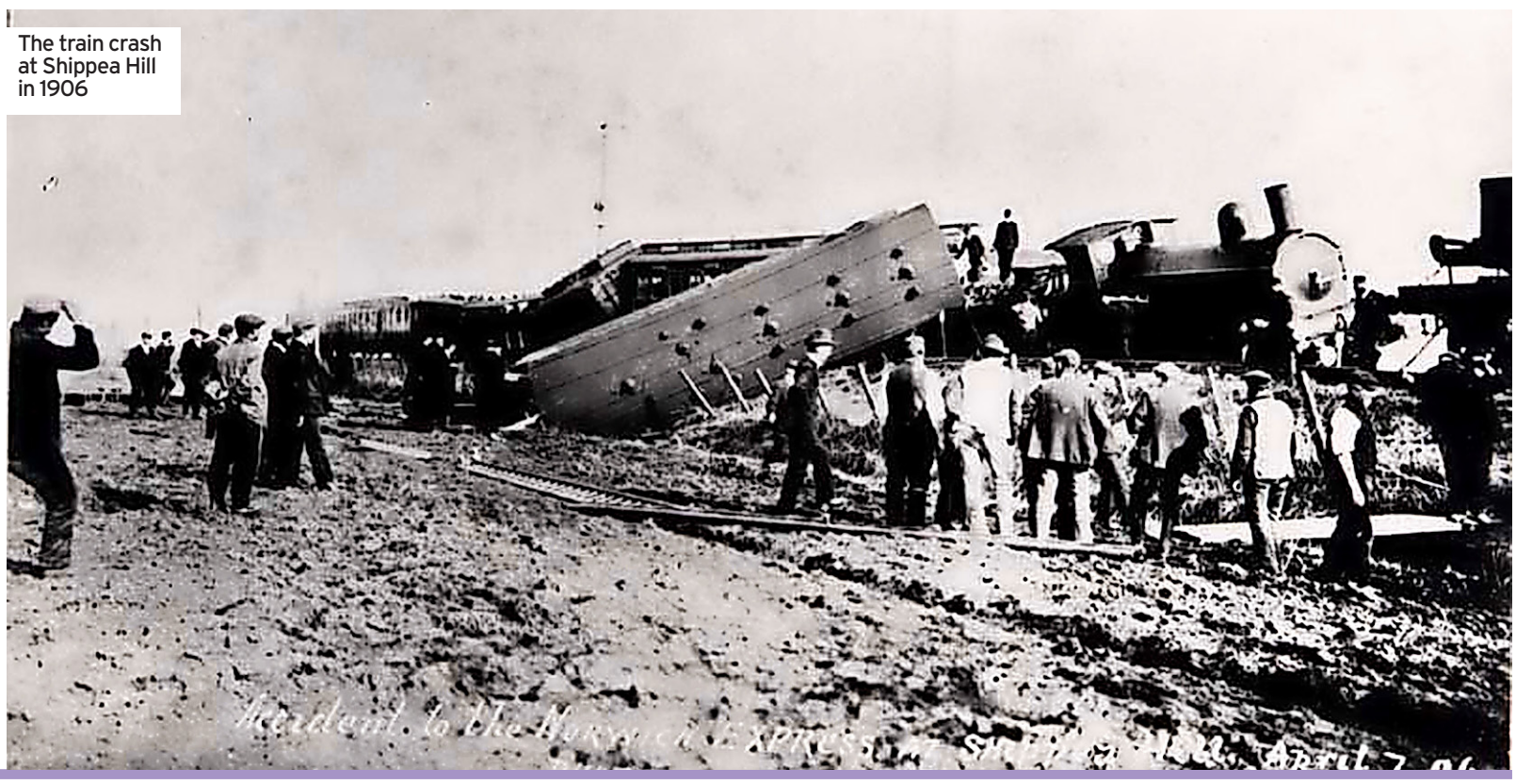
They agreed the borough library should have the first chance but that, if the price were too high, then the university would bid.

Train crash was due to high speed – 1906

A GOVERNMENT inspector's report into the derailment of a passenger train near Shippea Hill on April 7 concluded it was caused by unduly high speed over a portion of track under repair.

At Cambridge Assizes, a 15-year old boy from Prickwillow was indicted for having placed a sleeper on the railway line near Ely on the evening of March 6.

It was hit by the Norwich train and carried for a mile and a quarter.



The train crash at Shippea Hill in 1906